CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

2014 PRIMARY ELECTION

Revised pursuant to Laws 2013, Chapter 98	LOCAL candidate per election
Individual may give	\$2,500
Political Committee may give	\$2,500
Committee certified by the Secretary of State to give at increased limit ("Super PAC") may give	\$5,000

2014 GENERAL ELECTION

Revised pursuant to Laws 2013, Chapter 98	LOCAL candidate per election
Individual may give	\$2,500
Political Committee may give	\$2,500
Committee certified by the Secretary of State to give at increased limit ("Super PAC") may give	\$5,000

Questions and Answers Regarding Candidate Contribution Limits

- Q: Now that the Primary and General election are considered separately for the purpose of contribution limits, do I need two candidate committees? This requires two statements of organization that you file with our office and filing campaign finance reports for each committee six times per cycle.
- A: Yes. You must designate one committee for the Primary and one for the General.
- Q: What if I have already established a 2014 committee?
- A: You should designate that committee as either for the Primary or General and then establish a new committee for the other election. Amend your existing committee statement of organization to reflect election cycle 2014 and either primary or general. Submit the signed amended statement of organization to Yuma County Election Services.
- Q: Do I need separate bank accounts for each committee?
- A: Not necessarily but we recommend it (unless you are a participating candidate, in which case you are subject to the laws and rules governing participating candidates that require only one bank account).
- Q: I have an existing committee; can I designate that as primary and then form a general committee and move ½ of my funding to each?
- A: No, only \$2000.

- Q: Can I transfer half of the money from my existing committee, which I have designated either Primary or General, to my other committee for election in the same year?
- A: No. Transfers between committees for election in the same year are subject to the contribution limit of \$2000.
- Q: If I terminate my primary committee, can I dump all of the money into my general committee?
- A: No. Transfer is still limited by same year cap. \$2000 could go in 2014, and remainder in 2016.
- Q: May I accept one check for \$4000 from one contributor and deposit it all in one committee and then transfer to the other?
- A: Only if you have not already transferred any money to the other committee. Due to the contribution limit between committees you should ask for separate checks, one for each committee.
- Q: Where can I get additional information regarding this new legislation?
- A: Please see Attorney General Opinion Number 113-007.